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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: **Residency Requirement Change to the Senior Medical Benefit Request (SMBR)**

Introduction

Effective January 2007, a question has been added to the Head of Household/ Applicant section of the Senior Medical Benefit Request (SMBR) that asks if an individual was placed in a nursing facility by another state.

Head of Household/ Applicant							
Last name		First name		MI	Street address		
City		State	Zip	Mailing address (if different from street address or if living in a shelter) <input type="checkbox"/> homeless			
Marital status <input type="checkbox"/> single <input type="checkbox"/> married <input type="checkbox"/> separated <input type="checkbox"/> widowed <input type="checkbox"/> divorced		Is this person a U.S. citizen/national? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Social security number*		Date of birth / /	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Race (optional)
Spoken language choice		Written language choice		Ethnicity (optional)		Telephone numbers (List work number only if we can call you at work.) Home: () Work: ()	
Name and address of hospital, nursing facility, or other institution (if applicable)						Date of admission / /	
Were you placed here by another state? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no If yes, what state? _____							

Nursing Home Placements

During the past year, in several instances, individuals from other states have been placed in nursing homes by the other state's Medicaid agency.

Changes to the SMBR were made because the transferring state is responsible for the individual's care and maintenance. The nursing facility should bill the other state for the duration of the individual's nursing facility stay.

If the intake worker sees the new question on the SMBR ("Were you placed here by another state?") answered **yes**, the worker should contact the nursing facility to verify that this individual was placed there by another state. If that is correct, the application should be denied for residency, since the applicant is not a resident of Massachusetts.

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**Nursing Home
Placements
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Nursing facilities **must not** file applications or send SC-1 forms for individuals placed in their facilities by other states. The MassHealth Office of Long Term Care (OLTC) is working with MassHealth Operations to ensure that the nursing facilities are reminded of this procedure.

The Aging Services Access Point (ASAP) should not process a pre-admission referral if the individual's stay is being paid for by another state's Medicaid agency.

When an individual is placed by another state, it is that state's responsibility to pay the nursing facility (see 130 CMR 517.003(A)).

**Individuals who
Move to
Massachusetts**

If an individual from another state moves into a long-term-care facility with the intention of remaining in Massachusetts permanently, he or she may apply for MassHealth.

If an individual is seeking MassHealth payment from the first day in a nursing facility, the individual must contact an ASAP before admission. The ASAP must determine that the individual meets MassHealth requirements and that he or she is clinically eligible for nursing facility services.

Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.
